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SUBJ: MY CONVERSATIONS WITH KING CONSTANTINE

REF: TEHRAN 8639

1. IN MY INFORMAL TALK WITH KING CONSTANTINE WHICH TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE REVOLUTION WHICH DEPOSED PAPADOPOULOS, AND AT THE TIME OF THE STUDENT UNREST, AND WHICH WAS PRIMARILY INSPIRED IN ANY CASE BY OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, THE SUBJECT OF HIS POSSIBLE RETURN TO ATHENS CAME UP AND HE ASKED MY ADVICE ABOUT MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT. I REMINDED HIM THAT I AM AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK AND NOT TO GREECE AND THEREFORE AM IN NO RPT NO POSITION TO SPEAK FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON GREEK MATTERS. I ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FROM MY EXPERIENCE A STATEMENT WOULD BE UNWISE.

2. THEN AFTER THE NEW REGIME TOOK OVER I TALKED WITH THE KING AGAIN WHEN HE CAME TO COPENHAGEN TO SEE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN WHO ARE STAYING HERE AT THE PALACE. AT THIS TIME, HE AGAIN ASKED MY OPINION AND I AGAIN TOLD HIM I WOULD STILL REFRAIN FROM PUBLIC COMMENT.

3. HE THEN TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO SEE THE SECRETARY WHILE HE IS IN LONDON THIS WEEK. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD PASS ALONG HIS REQUEST BUT THOUGHT THE CHANCE, BECAUSE OF THE SECRETARY'S DEMANDING SCHEDULE, WAS PROBABLY REMOTE.

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4. ASIDE FROM PERTINENT ARTICLES IN TIME AND NEWSWEEK CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN GREECE, WHICH THE KING DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL, I AM NOT AWARE OF THE "AMERICAN PERSONALITIES" REFERRED TO IN REFTEL.

5. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE SECRETARY IN LONDON.
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